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SUBJECT: ECE - COAL COMMITTEE - GROUP OF EXPERTS ON OPENCASE MINES

1. DURING MEETING OF WORKING PARTY ON COAL TRADE, GENEVA, DECEMBER 13 - 14, US DEL AND MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH ECE SECRETARIAT MEETING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON OPENCASE MINES TO BE HELD GENEVA, FEBRUARY 14-16, 1977. GROUP OF EXPERTS IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION OF COAL COMMITTEE AT SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION SEPTEMBER 20-23, 1976 (ECE/COAL/20, PARAS. 34-40).
2. SECRETARIAT URGED US PARTICIPATION IN GROUP OF EXPERTS, POINTING OUT THAT US CAN MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO WORK IN VIEW OF ITS VARIED EXPERIENCE, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND CONSIDERABLE RECLAMATION RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD BUT ALSO COULD BENEFIT FROM EXTENSIVE EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE WITH OPERATION OF VERY LARGE OPENCASE MINES AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.
3. SECRETARIAT NOTED THAT AD HOC MEETING TO CONSIDER DETAILS OF INTENSIFIED COOPERATION ON SELECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF COAL GASIFICATION, LIQUIFACTION AND TREATMENT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED DURING SAME WEEK (FEBRUARY 16-18) TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION

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BY DELEGATES IN BOTH MEETINGS.

4. MISSION URGES THAT FULL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO US PARTICIPATION IN AFORESAID MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON OPENCASE MINES, WHICH WILL BE CONTINUING BODY. MISSION IS TRANSMITTING TO IO/CMD

KAHN PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR FIRST SESSION OF GROUP OF EXPERTS (COAL/GE.5/1) AND RECENTLY ISSUED PAPER ON SYMPOSIUM ON USE OF HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT ON OPENCAST MINES (COAL/GE.5/R.1) WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT SESSIONM. SYMPOSIUM IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN GDR IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 1978. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO REFER TO REPORT OF AD HOC MEETING ON OPENCAST MINES (COAL/AC.1/2, 8 APRIL 1976). CATTO

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